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EASLEY APPOINTS BUTLER TO GLOBAL TRANSPARK AUTHORITY

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has appointed Joel Kenneth Butler of Grimesland to the North Carolina Global Transpark Authority board of directors.

Butler is the vice president for external affairs for University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina and previously served as their vice president for community services. He is chairman of the East Carolina University board of visitors, co-chairman of Regional Chambers of Commerce Group, and serves on the board of directors for First Citizens Bank, Greenville Community Shelters and the N.C. Community Foundation. Butler received a bachelor's degree from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala. and his master's degree in public administration from East Carolina University.

The board is an independent agency created to plan, develop and operate the Global Transpark, a unique manufacturing and distribution environment consisting of an intermodal transportation network anchored by a cargo airport. There are 18 members on the board, each serving a two-year term. The governor appoints seven members.